

AN ORDINANCE

NO.

An ordinance amending certain provisions of Chapter 9 of the Columbus Code so as to update various administrative provisions pertaining to the recording of transfers and fees for interment in lots in the various City cemeteries, and for other purposes.

THE COUNCIL OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA HEREBY ORDAINS:

SECTION 1.

Section 9-1 of the Columbus Code is hereby deleted and there is hereby substituted a new section 9-1 to read as follows:

"Sec. 9-1. - Burial in streets, etc.; in lots, authorization, holding city harmless.

No body shall be buried in any of the streets, lanes, nor walkways in any city cemetery. No body shall be buried in any lot in any city cemetery until after the written interment request has been properly executed by the lot owner or relative of the deceased or the funeral director in charge of the funeral arrangements. Such interment request shall be submitted to the sexton or cemetery superintendent at least 24 hours prior to the scheduled time of burial services. Such interment request shall be of the following form:

INTERMENT REQUEST-CONSOLIDATED GOVERNMENT OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA

Date _____ , 19 _____ .

You are hereby authorized and instructed, subject to your rules and regulations to enter the remains of _____ Grave Space No. _____ , Lot No. _____ , Section _____ Cemetery _____ Owner of said lot being (or Deed)

_____ The deceased was age _____ , Sex _____ , Social Security No. _____ , Residence _____ DATE OF DEATH _____ , DATE OF BIRTH _____

I hereby certify that I am the _____

(Relative, Lot Owner Or Funeral Director)

of the above named decedent and this is your authority to make disposition of the remains of said decedent as above indicated. I further certify and represent that I have the right and legal authority to direct this disposition of the decedent's remains in the aforesated Lot and Grave Space, being aware of no ownership claims to the contrary, and I agree to hold the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia harmless from any liability on account of said authorization and interment.

Authorized Signature _____

Address _____

(Name of Funeral Director)

This request shall be submitted to the sexton or cemetery superintendent not less than 24 hours before the burial service

is scheduled. The burial service shall not be scheduled later than 4:30 p.m.

I hereby authorize the above interment:

Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia,

By: _____

The interment request shall be executed in triplicate, the original of which shall be filed at the cemetery, one copy shall be forwarded to the clerk of council for his files and the third copy shall be submitted to the funeral director in charge of the funeral arrangements. It shall be the duty of the sexton or the cemetery superintendent to obtain the executed interment request prior to the opening of the grave."

SECTION 2.

Section 9-4 of the Columbus Code is hereby deleted in its entirety and there is substituted a new Section 9-4 to read as follows:

"The selling of previously unowned lots in the cemeteries owned by the City shall be done by the city clerk, who shall make out and deliver to the purchaser upon receipt of the purchase money, a deed to the same, which deed shall be signed by the mayor and the clerk, upon behalf of the city.

All deeds shall contain the stipulation that they are issued pursuant to this chapter, and are subject to the terms hereof.

Effective April 1, 2018, it shall be required that all secondary transfers of lots originally purchased pursuant to this Section shall be filed with the Clerk of the City at the time of transfer in order for such deed to authorize burial in a designated lot. The Clerk shall also accept any prior secondary transfers for recording in accordance with this code section.

Effective April 1, 2018, all burials in a city lot will require one of the following: 1) proof of family relationship to the last lot owner of shown by the records of the Sextant; 2) the existence of a deed of purchase filed with the Clerk of Council in accordance with the above referenced paragraph; 3) a certified copy of a deed filed with the Clerk of the Superior Court of Muscogee County.

SECTION 3.

Section 9-13 of the Columbus Code is hereby deleted in its entirety and there is substituted a new Section 9-13 to read as follows:

"Sec. 9-13. - Grave opening and closing and other fees.

The cemetery superintendent shall receive each of the following applicable fees as listed:

(a) Grave opening and closing for full body burial:	Weekdays	Weekends
(1) Infants (up to 1 year of age)	\$350.00	\$450.00
(2) Children (1—5 years of age)	\$550.00	\$650.00

(3) Adults (includes children over 5 years of age)	\$900.00	\$1,150.00
(b) Disposition of cremation remains with ash container:		
(1) Interment of cremation ashes in owned burial lot	\$300.00	\$500.00
(2) Installation of cremation ashes in Veteran's Columbarium	\$100.00	\$200.00
(c) Application and Recording Fee	\$25.00	\$25.00
(d) Purchase of long term storage in marked drawer in Veteran's Columbarium	\$200.00	\$200.00

SECTION 4.

All ordinances and parts of ordinances in conflict with this ordinance are hereby repealed upon its effective date which shall be April 1, 2018.

Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia, held on the ____ day of _____, 2018; introduced a second time at a regular meeting of said council held on the ____ day of _____, 2018 and adopted at said meeting by the affirmation vote of ____ members of Council.

Councilor Allen	voting	_____
Councilor Baker	voting	_____
Councilor Barnes	voting	_____
Councilor Davis	voting	_____
Councilor Garrett	voting	_____
Councilor Huff	voting	_____
Councilor Thomas	voting	_____
Councilor Pugh	voting	_____
Councilor Woodson	voting	_____

 Tiny B. Washington
 Clerk of Council

 Teresa Pike Tomlinson
 Mayor